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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I work remotely in the San Francisco bay area for a company that resides in Los Angeles. I rely solely on my internet access to enable me to do so at an affordable price with the broadband I need to send large files to and from my employer.

When I first moved to this new neighborhood I only had DSL which took 30 minutes to download and upload large files. Now fiber optics are here and life has been a breeze ever since, enabling me to move those same files within 2-4 minutes! You can imagine how much time this saves me and how much more productively I can work!

Please keep the internet open and competitive!

Sincerely,

Mark Merrill